

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~--A storage apparatus that connects to a removable medium. The storage apparatus includes a first interface unit having a first port, a second interface unit having a second port, and a control unit that controls the first port and the second port. The control unit sets the second port in a disabled state responsive to access of the removable medium through the first port by a first external apparatus. The control unit sets the first port in the disabled state responsive to access of the removable medium through the second port by a second external apparatus.~~

A storage apparatus includes first, second and third interface units. The first interface unit has a first port for connection to a first external apparatus. The second interface unit has a second port for connection to a second external apparatus. The third interface unit is for connection to a removable storage medium. The storage apparatus sets the second port in a disabled state responsive to a determination that the first external apparatus connected to the first port is capable of accessing the removable storage medium connected to the third interface unit. The storage apparatus sets the first port in the disabled state responsive to a determination that the second external apparatus connected to the second port is capable of accessing the removable storage medium connected to the third interface unit. --